



Titel:	"Between the Lines"
German partner:	Prof. Dr. Candice Breitz Braunschweig University of Art
South African partner:	Andrew Lamprecht Michaelis School of Fine Art, University of Cape Town
Event:	Conference, Cape Town/South Africa, 25-28 February 2013 Conference, Braunschweig/Germany, 17-19 April 2013

Abstract:

When two cultures come together, aids to translation are essential for building a lasting relationship. Here contemporary artists can offer a number of translation strategies which contribute to better mutual understanding of the special situation of Germany and South Africa. For art is able to portray the circumstances in which a stranger lives in an unfamiliar land so that they become accessible and comprehensible to the beholder from foreign climes.

The objective of the German-South African project "Between the Lines" is to create a platform for critical dialogue between contemporary artists from both countries and to encourage reflection. At two conferences to be held in Braunschweig and Cape Town a selection of artists will be presenting ideas and strategies that are of significance to the role of art in translating unfamiliar experiences and promoting mutual international understanding. The artists taking part will be encouraged to adopt an experimental approach for their contribution to the conference. Here they are tasked with responding directly to the question as to whether artistic research can play a role in facilitating understanding between individuals with widely diverging cultural backgrounds.

A German delegation will travel to Cape Town, where the members will take part in the first "Konferenz South" at the Michaelis School of Fine Art from 25 to 28 February 2013. This group will include the artists Candice Breitz and Asta Gröting from Braunschweig University of Art (HBK) and Berlin-based artists Yael Bartana, Ming Wong and Ulf Aminde. Prof. Dr. Hubertus von Ameln, professor of art at HBK, will be accompanying the five participants on their journey to South Africa.

In return, a delegation from South Africa will visit Braunschweig to take part in the second event, "Konferenz North" to be held at Braunschweig University of Art from 17 to 19 April 2013. This group will consist of Penelope Siopis, a tutor at the Michaelis School of Fine Art, as well as the artists Nandipha Mntambo, Zanele Muholi, Athi-Patra Ruga, Gabrielle Goliath and Prof. Dr. Colin Richards, Professor of Art at the Michaelis School of Fine Art.